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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant, Research and Reports
THROUGH: Acting Chief, Geographic Research
THROUGH: Chief, Photographic Intelligence Division
SUBJECT: Evaluation of Employee Suggestion No. 2962

1. The film viewing stereoscope described in the attached suggestion sheet was developed as stated. At present the prototype instrument is being used to a somewhat limited degree. Other instruments of this type, with refinements as indicated by experience with the prototype, would undoubtedly be used more extensively by the Division.

2. There is a definite need for such an instrument, as an aid in stereoscopic examination of roll film and positive transparencies.

3. The stereoscope provides a means of viewing roll film stereoscopically, with the added benefit of 6X magnification as well as 1:1 viewing. There is no instrument in the Division at this time which will perform this task.

4. I have no way of determining, without extensive study, the amount of money, if any, which will be saved by the use of this stereoscope. Furthermore, I have no rapid or accurate means of comparing the Government development and construction cost of this stereoscope with any similar instrument which is presently available through commercial channels.


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